



## RYDE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYDE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 9 APRIL 2018 IN THE RYDE METHODIST CHURCH HALL, GARFIELD ROAD, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT COMMENCING AT 7:00PM

<u>Present</u>	Councillors: Henry Adams (Mayor), Adrian Axford, Diana Conyers, Julian Critchley, Nancy Farrell, Phil Jordon, Karen Lucioni, Sue Lyons, Jim Moody, Malcolm Ross (Deputy Mayor), Ian Stephens, and Wayne Whittle.
<u>In Attendance</u>	Saskia Blackmore, Clerk, Ryde Town Council Adrienne White, Clerk, Ryde Town Council (Minutes)
<u>Also Present</u>	Members of the Public Police Isle of Wight Councillor Vanessa Churchman

36/18	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillors Charles Chapman, Christine Hall, Michael Lilley and Tim Wakeley</p>
37/18	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
38/18	<p><b>REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS</b></p> <p>There were no individual requests for dispensation.</p>
39/18	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 5 March 2018 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Mayor.</b></p>
40/18	<p><b>REPORTS</b></p> <p>Police:- As requested questions were raised in advance of the meeting about the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti Social Behaviour at Fiveways Shelter</li> <li>• The recent assault that took place in the surrounding area of Fiveways Shelter</li> <li>• Chalk marks appearing on houses in some parts of the town</li> <li>• Speeding in Ryde East, in particular High Park Road.</li> <li>• Anti Social Behaviour at Dover Street Shelter</li> </ul> <p>The Police reported that Anti Social Behaviour statistics for the Fiveways Shelter were down when compared to the same time period for the previous year as was statistics for the surrounding area. It was suggested that any incidents should be reported via 101 so that should there be any concerns of anti social behaviour, the statistics could help support the application for the deployable cctv camera to be used. The Police were unable to comment on the recent assault incident as it was still subject to a live investigation.</p> <p>The Police reported that they were currently unaware of any logged reports for chalk marks upon houses and could find no evidence that these were of any significance to potential burglaries. Island Roads had confirmed that they do occasionally place chalk marks on some properties in relation to proposed road works. The Police agreed to liaise with the local PCSO who had previously been made aware of concerns from local residents.</p> <p>The Police reported that the local team had attended a Ryde East meeting, along with the police Roads Unit, at which the matter of speeding in the area was discussed. They reported that as a result of this meeting they will now be working with Island Roads to see if there are any</p>

Highways/traffic solutions to the problems in High Park Road. There may also be an opportunity for residents to start a community speedwatch scheme should anyone wish to explore this. The police also indicated that that speeding cars could be reported to 101 – or if there was a concern about drink driving that this be reported immediately via 999.

The police present were unaware of any anti social behaviour at the Dover Street shelter but agreed to liaise with Inspector Whitlock about any emails he may have received from local residents with regard to this.

The Mayor thanked the police for their attendance.

Isle of Wight Councillor Adrian Axford reported that the two controversial planning applications in his ward had reached a conclusion. In relation to the Ryde School application he reported that both himself and Councillor Jim Moody, spoke against the application on behalf of residents and Ryde Town Council Planning Committee but sadly the application was passed by the Isle of Wight Council.

Councillor Axford was pleased to report that the initial application for a housing development at Ryde House had been reduced by half after negotiations between local residents and the developer. Councillor Axford was pleased to report that consideration had also been included in the development for better protection of wildlife.

Isle of Wight Councillor Vanessa Churchman reported that Southern Water were currently 3-4 weeks behind with the works being done at Asheys and Upton due to problems with the pipelaying. Councillor Churchman also reported concerns about speeding traffic at Upton Road. Police and Island Roads were aware and were looking at the possibility of laying some speed cables.

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#### **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

Councillor Ian Stephens reported that he had concerns about the current proposal for merging Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Fire authority and the impact that this may have for Ryde Town. He would be pleased to hear the views of colleagues and encourage them to inform local residents of the proposal.

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#### **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor announced that the Civic Service was scheduled to take place on 7 June at 7:00pm in St Johns Church.

Councillor Julian Critchley expressed concern about the civic appointment of the Mayor Making at the service and that this was being organised by the Town Council.

The Clerk explained that the Civic Service was organised by Churches Together in the Ryde Area and that the Mayor Making was a civic element of the service. The Clerk confirmed that the Mayor would be

	<p>appointed at the Annual meeting of Ryde Town Council and were invited to attend the civic service to exchange the mayoral chain.</p> <p><b>43/18 TOWN COUNCILLOR REPORTS</b></p> <p>Councillor Jim Moody had previously circulated a report that included information on his recent attendances at the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils meeting, The Isle of Wight Council Planning Committee meeting and the Coastal Communities Fund Workshop.</p> <p>Councillors Adrian Axford and Wayne Whittle updated the Council on the lack of electricity supply to Ryde Theatre and the problems with the antenna and clock because of this. Both Councillors had met with Isle of Wight Council Property Service and IT Officers and Island Roads. With regard to the clock the responsibility now lies with the owner of the building. The Isle of Wight Council agreed to suggest to the owner the use of solar power to perhaps have the clock working again.</p> <p>The Isle of Wight Council have agreed that they would incur the cost of moving the antenna that was previously used by Pubwatch and Shopwatch. However, a suitable high enough location that provided adequate signal strength to the necessary required areas of the Town was proving difficult to find. The necessary licence fees and electricity charges would also need to be considered by any users should this option be taken forward.</p> <p>Option 2 - that hand held radios may be purchased by users of Pubwatch and Shopwatch. These could work off of Wi-Fi signals that linked direct to cctv and would not incur any licence or electricity costs. Both options were still being investigated.</p> <p>Councillor Diana Conyers reported that, along with Councillor Malcolm Ross, she had attended the Island Roads Asset Workshop. She reported that the first phase of the PFI Contract still has 2 years to run and raised concern over the number of roads that still needed to be resurfaced. Councillor Conyers encouraged colleagues to look at the schedule online for future road resurfacing/repairs and should they be unsatisfied to contact Island Roads.</p>
44/18	<p><b>THE PHOENIX PROJECT</b></p> <p>Sam Whittingham, Chief Executive, and Rob Ellis, Trustee gave a presentation on the work of the Phoenix Project, a specialist day service for adults with learning disabilities in Haylands.</p>
45/18	<p><b>VISION FOR RYDE</b></p> <p>Councillor Adrian Axford left the meeting at 8:00pm.</p> <p>At a meeting of Town Councillors held on 13 March 2018 it was agreed that a paper be forwarded to Full Council. Councillor Phil Jordan introduced the agenda item and it was <b>RESOLVED that the paper be</b></p>

46/18	<p>approved and referred to the <b>General Purposes Working Party to take forward.</b></p> <p><b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 21 February 2018 were received.</p> <p>Councillor Phil Jordan introduced the recommendations arising from the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 20 March 2018 and it was <b>RESOLVED that</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i. the Contracts Database, acting as the Council's Procurement Forward Plan, be noted by the Full Council.</b></li> <li><b>ii. A marketing grant of £2,400 be made to Isle of Wight Pride.</b></li> <li><b>iii. Full Council be asked to note the Finance Committee's approval of a waive of the Council's Standing Orders to award a contract for the Ryde promotional film to Bob Ede TV Limited for the period 2 April 2018- 31 March 2019 at a total cost of £8,725 plus VAT.</b></li> </ul>
47/18	<p><b>GENERAL PURPOSES WORKING PARTY</b></p> <p>The notes of the General Purposes Working Party meeting held on 13 June 2017 were received.</p> <p>Councillor Phil Jordan introduced the the recommendations arising from the meeting of the General Purpose Working Party held on 23 March 2018 and it was <b>RESOLVED that</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i. The Business Continuity Plan be approved.</b></li> <li><b>ii. The Facilities Management Plan for the public toilets be noted.</b></li> </ul>
48/18	<p><b>PERSONNEL PANEL</b></p> <p>Councillor Jim Moody introduced the recommendation arising from a meeting of the Personnel Panel held on 23 March 2018 and it was <b>RESOLVED that the Councillor/Employee Protocol be approved.</b></p> <p>Other recommendations made at the Personnel Panel meeting are referred to later in the minutes.</p>
49/18	<p><b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 13 February and 6 March 2018 were received.</p>

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### **HONOURS WORKING PARTY**

The notes of the Honours Working Party meeting held on 16 February 2018 were received.

Councillor Malcolm Ross introduced the recommendations arising from the Honours Working Party held on 27 March 2018 and it was **RESOLVED that**

- i. the following events take place to celebrate 10 years of Ryde Town Council
  - a display in Ryde Library commemorating the tenth anniversary. The display will include information about the functions of the Town Council and pictures of ward councillors together with some information about their work in the town/ward.
  - an article summarising the information to be displayed at the library be placed in the May issue of the Beacon.
  - Commemorative planting/planter be located in the town.
  - Design a flag competition for primary school children.
  - An open day – which will give residents a chance to meet their Ward Councillors and will include the prize giving for the Design a Flag competition at the Town Hall Chambers.
  - Councillors to attend School Council meetings at both Ryde Academy and Ryde School.
- ii. A scroll and a glass award be presented to Mr Ackroyd at the upcoming Civic Service and that the presentation of the award be made jointly by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chair of the Honours Working Party.
- iii. The Finance Committee be asked to identify a budget of £2500 for the following:
  - £1500 to be allocate for the purchase of any honours awards.
  - £1000 to be allocated to support the celebrations for the tenth anniversary.

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### **NETWORK RYDE STEERING GROUP**

The minutes of the Network Ryde Steering Group meetings held on 30 November 2017 and 28 February 2018 were received.

<p>52/18</p>	<p><b>PAYMENTS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED that</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Payments of those invoices shown on Appendix 1, totalling £29,990.86 be approved.</b></li> <li>ii. Payment shown on Appendix 2, which have been made under Standing Orders 65 (2) and (3), either by online transfer or by cheque were noted.</li> </ul>
<p>53/18</p>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 14 May 2018 – Annual Meeting, Methodist Church, Garfield Road, Ryde.</p>
<p>54/18</p>	<p><b>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</b></p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED that</b>  <b>In view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded for the following items and they are instructed to withdraw – in accordance with Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2) and Standing Order no.80 – staffing matters.</b></p>
<p>55/18</p>	<p><b>PERSONNEL PANEL – ANNUAL STAFF REVIEW</b></p> <p>Councillor Jim Moody introduced the Personnel Panel Confidential report and the recommendations arising from the Personnel Panel meeting held on 23 March 2018 and it was <b>RESOLVED that all of the recommendations contained within the Confidential report be approved.</b></p> <p>The meeting closed at 8:35 pm.</p> <p>Signed.....Mayor/Chairman</p> <p>Date.....</p>